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Michigan Occupational Safety & Health Administration
(MIOsha)

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**MIOsha LATEX GLOVES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
February 19, 2008 - 9:30 to Noon
General Office Building—Lansing—Conference Room G
MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT

Gregory Bozimowski Michigan Association of Nurse Anesthetists; Co-Chairperson
Lisha Sly UNITE-HERE Union
Michele Goodyear Michigan Society for Clinical Laboratory Science
Terri Wiggins Marriott Hotels

NOT PRESENT:

Anthony Burton, MD Concentra Health Services Co-Chairperson
Dee Tyler Michigan Health & Hospital Association
Margie Vissman Occupational Health Standards Commission Liaison
MaryAnn Minard Michigan Nurses Association

MIOsha STAFF PRESENT:

Marsha Parrott-Boyle Standards Section
Dena Hendon Standards Section
Ryan Brzak General Industry Safety & Health Division

Agenda Item #1— Welcome and Introductions – Co-Chairperson Gregory Bozimowski

The February 19, 2008 MIOsha Latex Gloves Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Co-chairperson Gregory Bozimowski.

Agenda Item #2— Approval of Minutes from the January 16, 2008 Meeting

A motion was made by Michelle Goodyear and was seconded by Terri Wiggins to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2008 Advisory Committee meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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Agenda Item #3-Survey Results

'Major Industries Summary (A)' and 'Industry By Facility Type (B)' charts dated February 6, 2008 were distributed and reviewed. Also individual charts for 'Service Industry,' 'Medical – non-dental,' 'Food Service,' and 'Dental Hygienist' were distributed. The totals included the additional surveys received from Hotels, Dental Hygienist and the Food Service Industry,

Dena Hendon reported the additional numbers were due to phone surveys done by Terri Wiggins and Margie Vissman and 67 responses have been received from the Dental Hygienist and more are coming in daily. Through MaryAnn Minard efforts the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association has been contacted. They sent out the survey to their members in a E-Newsletter on February 15th, and a few responses have been received.

All together we have received almost 100 additional surveys during the last month. Worth noting, the percentage between NO and YES latex gloves is gradually growing closer together. To date we have received 54% NO Latex Gloves and 46% YES Latex Gloves responses.

MaryAnn Minard will try to recruit nurse member volunteers in MNA's Safety Congress to survey doctor offices in one or two Michigan cities by phone.

Lisha Sly will try to determine how many linen companies are in Michigan and if there is a way to survey them.

Agenda Item #4-Discussion of Rule Revision

Co-Chairperson Gregory Bozimowski has sent the News Release informing committee members that Johns Hopkins Medical Centers has gone 'latex free' as of January 2008. They have eliminated all latex gloves and as much latex medical equipment as possible. While many institutions have voluntarily gone latex free for the benefit of workers, this is the first major medical center. During the discussion it was stated that the Lansing Sparrow Health System intends to be 'latex free' by November 2008.

Co-Chairperson Gregory Bozimowski will contact Johns Hopkins Medical Center and Lansing Sparrow Health System to communicate the work of this advisory committee.

The advisory committee reviewed Draft #2 dated January 16, 2008. The language for signage was decided and a few other changes were made to the draft for OH Part 554 Bloodborne Infectious Diseases. The committee began to modify language for GI Part 33 Personal Protective Equipment.

Per the request of the present advisory committee members; the draft will be emailed to all 'latex gloves advisory committee members' for approval, comments and concerns about the current draft prior to the next meeting.

Agenda Item #4— Next Meeting Date

Next Meeting Date – March 12, 2008—Wednesday—9:30 a.m.

General Office Building—7150 Harris Drive—Lansing-Conference Room G

Agenda Item #5—Public Comment

None

Agenda Item #6—Adjournment

With no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

****Minutes were reviewed and approved at the March 12, 2008 meeting.****

Latex Gloves Advisory Committee

Draft #3 - February 19, 2008

Language for OH Part 554 Bloodborne Infectious Diseases:

1. An employer shall ensure that disposable latex gloves shall not be used unless alternatives are technically infeasible. In the event latex gloves are deemed the only technically feasible option then all of the following apply:
 - a. The employer shall document the need for the selection.
 - b. The latex gloves shall be powder-free and low-allergen content as identified by the manufacturer.
 - c. There shall be adequate signage posted to inform of the use of latex gloves.

Definition:

Technically infeasible – means that the use of non-latex gloves would significantly interfere with the intended task.

Language for OH Part 433 Personal Protective Equipment:

Rule 10 – add (i) Infectious hazard

Rule 11 – add (2) When an employer requires the use of disposable gloves as personal protective equipment, latex gloves shall not be used unless alternatives are technically infeasible. In the event latex gloves are deemed the only technically feasible option then all of the following apply:

- a. The employer shall document the need for the selection.
- b. The latex gloves shall be powder-free and low-allergen content as identified by the manufacturer.
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